

*"In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people."*

# The Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

## *Masses*

**Saturday** – 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** – 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Mass in Spanish**  
**Sunday** – 1:30 p.m.

**Holy Days:** Check inside of bulletin  
**Weekdays**

**Tuesday** – 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday & Friday** –  
6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.  
**Thursday** – 8:15 a.m.

**Confessions**  
**Saturday** – 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
and 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
and by appointment.

- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Dr. John Burnham (President), Ms. Elizabeth Cecil, Mr. Mark Clemence, Mrs. Mary DeBois, Mrs. Jennifer Everett, Mr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Deacon Ronald Fondriest (Ex-Officio), Mr. Tom Fondriest, Mrs. Cathy Galbraith, Father Jimmy Hatfield (Ex-Officio), Mrs. Chrissie Hensel, Mr. Matt Ritzert (Ex-Officio), Mr. Ron Saffell, Mrs. Sarah Sciarretti, Mr. Lou Settimio, Ms. Brenda Stilgenbauer (Secretary), Ms. Cindy Teynor (Ex-Officio)
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- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **BAUTISMOS** – Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ◆ **NEW PARISHIONERS** – Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

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# St. Joseph Church

## Dover, Ohio 44622

### The Ascension of the Lord

### May 12 and 13, 2018

### 12 y 13 de Mayo del 2018

#### Mass Intentions



##### **Monday, May 14**

**No Mass**

Readings: 564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113/Jn 15:9-17

##### **Tuesday, May 15**

**2:00 p.m.** Loretta Edie (Hennis)

**6:00 p.m.** Jose Samson

Readings: 298: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68/Jn 17:1-11a

##### **Wednesday, May 16**

**6:30 a.m.** Gene Huprich

**8:15 a.m.** Brace Breitenstine

**9:00 a.m.** Rosary

Readings: 299: Acts 20:28-28/Ps 68/Jn 17:11b-19

##### **Thursday, May 17**

**8:15 a.m.** Todd and Bob Wagner

**9:00 a.m.** Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16/Jn 17:20-26

##### **Friday, May 18**

**6:30 a.m.** Special Intention

**8:15 a.m.** Anne Leibfarth

Readings: 301: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103/Jn 21:15-19

##### **Saturday, May 19, The Vigil of Pentecost Sunday**

**4:00 p.m.** Theresa Doriche

##### **Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday**

**8:30 a.m.** Martha Bearducci

**11:00 a.m.** Margaret Contrucci

**1:00 p.m.** The People of the Parish (Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 63: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

#### Ministry Schedules May 19 and 20, 2018

##### 4:00 p.m. Mass

**Lector:** Mark Clemence – 1st Reading

Vicki Wilhelm – 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil,  
Marlo Nowak, Mary DeBois, Vicki Avon, Tim Avon,  
Jeri Middaugh

**Servers:** Felipe Garcia Paez, Sarah Clemence,  
Marcus Clemence (Alt: Sage Winnie)

##### 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector:** Bill Bartz – 1st Reading

Mike Finley – 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Monica Boring, Milt Hamilton,  
Matt Ritzert, Rachel Thomas, John Kuczirka,  
Sharon Kuczirka, Christin Ayers, Lou Settimio,  
Andrea Settimio

**Hospitality:** Joan Wenzel

**Servers:** Cole Seigler, Sydney Selinsky,  
Joe Pruni (Alt: John Chaney)

##### 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Lector:** Sue Worth – 1st Reading

Mike Ernest – 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stacy Savage, Chris Helbling,  
Kevin Fitzgerald, Joe Sciarretti, Patti DeVault,  
Mary Elco, Tony Nasuta

**Servers:** Delany Savage, Lydia Ernest,  
Matthew Dummermuth (Alt: Joe Phillips)

#### Offertory for Sunday, May 5 and 6, 2018

Loose	\$ 3,167.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,800.00
Online Giving	\$ 650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,617.00</b>
Contributions needed each week	\$12,192.00
<b>Other Funds:</b>	
Capital Improvement	\$ 110.00
Poor Fund	\$ 470.00
St. Joseph Catholic Schools Subsidy	\$ 10.00
Ascension	\$ 81.00

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.**

**Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:** Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

**Please Note:** If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.



**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the Prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

### **Spiritual Notes:**

Luke begins his second volume, Acts of the Apostles, by narrating Jesus' Ascension. His first look was concerned with "all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up." Now he begins the story of Jesus' disciples continuing the mission. Before His Ascension, Jesus had promised them that they "will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" empowered by the Spirit, they are to be "witnesses in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth." Their mission is our mission too, for we share in the same Spirit. Writing to the Ephesians, Paul prays "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation." Christ Jesus, who was raised from the dead, sits at God's "right hand in the heavens." And He has dominion over all creation, even the heavenly beings above every principality, authority, power, and dominion. Here Paul starts to develop his image of the church as Christ's body. He will develop this idea further, reminding us that we who share in the one bread are called to become one body. Today's Gospel text, though accepted as inspired and canonical, is not found in some of the oldest manuscripts of Mark; some ancient manuscripts of Mark omit any mention of the risen Christ and His Ascension. But without these events, the story of Jesus is incomplete. In today's text Jesus commissions His disciples to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." Then He "was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God." The disciples follow Jesus' command to go forth preaching the word, while the Lord worked with them.

*For reflection: In what way can I witness to the gospel in my everyday life? How effective do I think the gospel would be without the resurrection?*



**Save the Date!**  
**St. Joseph Parish Festival**  
**July 20th, 21st, and 22nd**

### **Festival Sponsors**

If you and/or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors for our Parish Festival, we are accepting donations. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Milt Hamilton, or the Parish Office.

**L.C.B.A. and the St. Joseph Crafty are accepting donations for the Fancy Booth at the Festival.** Please bring your handmade items, arts, crafts, jewelry or other creations to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

### **Help Needed**

If you are interested in volunteering for the Festival this year, please contact Cathy and Dan Galbraith at 330-340-3729.

### **A Stewards Way**

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"*  
*(1 Pt 4:10)*

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way.  
Stewardship is a part of that journey.

## **BISHOP'S 2018 ANNUAL APPEAL**

### **"Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope"**

**We are off to a great start!** Thank you to everyone who contributed last week to the BAA. This year, our parish has been asked to raise \$71,303.57. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs. Please pray for the success of the appeal.



**You are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a "Living Rosary!"**

Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the Knights of Columbus Hall (436 West 9th Street). Lawn chairs are welcome if needed!

### **Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday Confession times are 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

**Adoration of the Eucharist:** The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

**Rosary:** Each Wednesday Morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointings will take place on the second Sunday of each month following each of the Masses.

### Upcoming Meetings in the Life of the Parish

**Secular Franciscans** invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m., for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer, followed by coffee and donuts.

**Knights of Columbus:** The first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dover. For more information, contact John Kuczirka.

**L.C.B.A.** Invites everyone wishing to attend the first Tuesday, of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center – Downstairs Meeting Room.

**Crafty Ladies:** The first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center – Downstairs Meeting Room. All are welcome!!

**Men's Bible Study Group:** Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please read Chapter 2 of the Matthew Series.

**Baptism Prep:** Tuesday, May 15 in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. English class will be held in the Bodner Room, Spanish class will be held in Meeting Room A.

**Isabellas:** Monday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

**Family Life Committee:** Tuesday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center – Meeting Room A.

*\*\*The Family Life Committee is requesting donations of new unused, greeting or Christmas cards, to be sent to our area nursing homes.\*\**

**Outreach Committee:** Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center – Meeting Room A.

### Youth Ministry News

Sunday, May 20, 2018

**The Knights of Columbus Living Rosary, 4:00 p.m.**  
For more information about upcoming Youth Ministry events, call Coleman Boring in the Parish Office or at 330-432-0828.



### **Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School**



#### **The Peter Clore Memorial Scholarship.**

Peter Clore attended Sacred Heart School and was a 2006 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic. He studied for a time at the Pontifical College Josephinum and later joined the Marines. Peter died in May, 2011, while on active duty in Afghanistan. Peter was a Certified Explosives Detector Dog Handler, a position that put him ahead of his unit as they made their patrol. He was shot by small-arms fire. In memory of Peter, this scholarship recognizes a student for outstanding contribution to the Catholic Identity of TCC. The ideal honoree is a gentle leader who is active in parish life, contributes to the religious dimension of the school, and participates willingly in service to others. Consideration will also be given to a student who is active in diocesan youth ministry activities.

Any staff member, parent, student, or friend of the school may submit nominations for this honor for students who will attend TCC as Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors. The nomination should include the student's name and a brief narrative description of why the student is a worthy candidate for this honor. Nominations may be submitted online to Mrs. Sarah Sciarretti at [ssciarretti@cducation.org](mailto:ssciarretti@cducation.org) or mailed to Tuscarawas Central Catholic, 777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. **Nominations must be received by May 14, 2018.**

**Deacon T.J. Lehigh**, a graduate of TCC, will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 26th. To show our support we are taking a bus to Columbus to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event. The cost is \$20.00. Call the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 740-922-3533 to reserve your spot.

### St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Everyone is welcome!!

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Below you will find the upcoming schedule.

May 16, 2018 – Team J (Class of '61)

May 23, 2018 – Team K (Secular Franciscans)

May 30, 2018 – Team L (Chrissie Hensel)

Soup Kitchen Captains, please remember to pick up your key in the Parish Office no later than 4:00 p.m.

**Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers.**

### Knights of Columbus Golf Outing – May 26, 2018

**Oak Shadows – Tee Time: 8:30 a.m., \$50.00 per player**



Following the outing, there will be a **Chicken Dinner for EVERYONE**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is a social event for the entire parish! The cost for dinner is \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children under 12. We hope you will attend. This is a great way to support the Dover Knights of Columbus, while enjoying time with fellow parishioners.

**For more information, please contact  
Lou Settimio at 330-204-4361.**



**When traveling and you need to know where the closest Catholic Church is and the times for their Masses, please check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).**





### **Birthright Playpen**

Each year, beginning on Mother's Day until Father's Day, St. Joseph Parish conducts our annual playpen collection for Birthright of Tuscarawas County. Items needed are: disposable diapers, baby wipes, baby bath towels, shampoo, baby wash, crib sheets, sleepers, bibs, etc.

### **SWAP - Sharing with Appalachian People**

**Mission Trip:** All those planning to participate in the St. Joseph Church mission trip in June, please turn in your forms and payments to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Matt Ritzert at 330-343-1184.

### **Teen Girls Summer "Convivences" 2018**

**Vocation Awareness Camp with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus.** Monday, June 25 to Thursday, June 28. Formation, friendship and fun for the glory of Christ. Register soon, as space is limited, forms are available in the Parish Office.



### **Other Information to Note:**

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

**Low-Gluten Hosts:** If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

**Bulletin deadline:** The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

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### **Courage/EnCourage:**

Courage offers spiritual support for Catholic men and women with same sex attractions and is endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. Courage was founded in 1980 by Cardinal Cook to help Catholics with same sex attractions live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings. EnCourage is the affiliate support group for family members, spouses, and friends of men and women with same sex attractions. For confidential inquiries, please contact Father Pat Toner at 614-296-7404. For more information, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or by visiting [www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net).

### **St. Joseph Cemetery**

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Don in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

### **Living Bread Radio**

The Living Bread Radio Network AM1060 (Canton, Akron, Cleveland) and 94.5 (Canton, vicinity) produces 12 local programs and making it the largest Catholic radio station in Ohio! Visit [livingbreadradio.com](http://livingbreadradio.com) for schedules and a free app to listen live 24/7.



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### **Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith**

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact James Anzelmo at the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893 or [JAnzelmo@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:JAnzelmo@catholic-foundation.org).



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where it goes. To get started, please visit [www.stjosephdover.org](http://www.stjosephdover.org). If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.



Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions. Please include all those on our prayer lists who have asked for our prayers and those who have no one to pray for them.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

May 2018

#### **Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity**

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

***"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."***

**~Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

### **Sunday, May 13 ~ Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima**

On this day when we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, into Heaven, we also remember the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the children at Fatima – Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. On May 13, 1917, Mary chose to give her Rosary message to these three shepherd children in rural Fatima, Portugal. The Mother of Jesus' purpose for these visits was to save souls from Hell and to warn us of the coming tragedies that would happen if we didn't repent and change our ways. The children received many messages, mostly calling for personal conversion and prayer, as well as the words of five new prayers. The first prayer is one many Catholics are likely already familiar with, but the other four are not as well-known. Here are the five prayers given to the children at Fatima:

**1) The Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer:** "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen." Mary told the children that people should add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.

**2) The Pardon Prayer:** "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee." This prayer was given to the children by the angel that visited them in 1916, the year before Mary appeared to them.

**3) The Angel's Prayer:** "O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners." This is another prayer given to them by the angel. There was a Eucharistic host and chalice suspended in the air, and the angel led them in kneeling before it and praying this prayer.

**4) The Eucharistic Prayer:** "Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament." When Mary appeared to the children for the first time on May 13, 1917, she said, "You will have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort." According to Lucia, one of the children, a bright light shone all around them, and without thinking about it, they all started reciting this prayer.

**5) The Sacrifice Prayer:** "O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners [that I do this]." Mary gave the children this prayer, as well as the Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer, on June 13th, 1917. The prayer is meant to be recited when you are offering up suffering to God.

### **Monday, May 14 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17** Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



**Meditation:** Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never out give God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

**Prayer:** O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

## **Tuesday, May 15 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter**

### **Saint Isidore the Farmer, Patron Saint of Farmers**

**Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11a** Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

**Meditation:** What is this "glory" of which Jesus speaks in this scripture passage? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. How does the cross reveal his glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of redemption which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation. Jesus gave his Father the supreme honor and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross. In times of defense the greatest honor belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens. Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation and Cross of Christ. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son for our redemption and deliverance from slavery to sin and death. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love – a love that is unconditional, sacrificial and generous beyond comprehension.

**Prayer:** Lord God, to whom belongs all creation, and who call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us, inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of all people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer of Farmers:** Heavenly Father, King of the Universe, you are the sole source of abundance. With your help I plant my crops and by your power they give forth a harvest. Grant me the grace always to work with all my strength and ingenuity in cultivating the soil so that it will bring forth fruits for my benefits and the benefit of all who will use them. Make me ever cognizant that without my part in the work of harnessing the goods of the earth, these particular goods would be lacking to my brothers and sisters in this world. Enable me at the same time to realize that without your part in this process I would be working in vain. Accept my thanks for your continuous help in the past and your never failing assistance in the future. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our Father. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. Do you seek unity of heart, mind and will with God and unity of love and peace with your neighbor?

### **Wednesday, May 16 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 17:11b-19** Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

**Meditation:** Jesus prayed that his disciples would be sanctified and consecrated in God's truth and holiness. The scriptural word for consecration comes from the same Hebrew word which means "holy" or "set apart for God." This word also means to be "equipped with the qualities of mind and heart and character for such a task or service." Just as Jesus was called by the Father to serve in holiness and truth, so we, too, are called and equipped for the task of serving God in the world as his ambassadors. God's truth frees us from ignorance and the deception of sin. It reveals to us God's goodness, love, and wisdom. And it gives us a thirst for God's holiness. The Holy Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, he transforms us by his purifying fire and changes us in the likeness of Christ. Is your life consecrated to God?

**Prayer:** Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Have you ever given time, thought and prayer to know what your purpose and mission in life is? Jesus' aim and mission was to glorify his heavenly Father. All he said and did gave glory to his Father. On the eve of his sacrifice and in the presence of his disciples, Jesus made his high priestly prayer: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that they may be one as we are one". Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples and for all who would believe in him. Jesus' prayer for his people is that we be united with God the Father in his Son and through his Holy Spirit and be joined together, in unity with all who are members of Christ's body. Jesus saw glory in the cross rather than shame. Obedience to his Father's will was his glory. Jesus kept his Father's word even when tempted to forgo the cross. His strength was not in himself but in his Father who kept him. We, too, must take up our cross and follow the Lord Jesus wherever and whenever he may call us.

### **Thursday, May 17 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26** Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

**Meditation:** The unity of Jesus and his Father is a unity of love and obedience, and a unity of personal relationship. Because Jesus loves us and united us through the Sacrament of Baptism we are called to live



in a unity of love. Through the Eucharist, we are united to Christ in the greatest gift to us – Christ's Body and Blood. Through his teachings, we follow him wherever he leads us as his disciples. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we demonstrate our heartfelt desire to reunite ourselves with him, recognizing our sinfulness, our sorrow for having sinned, and our pledge not to sin again. Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he has in his beloved disciples. He knows they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord entrust us with the same mission...to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one.

**Prayer:** May your Spirit, O Lord, we pray, imbue us powerfully with spiritual gifts, that he may give us a mind pleasing to you and graciously conform us to your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Look around at the people in the pews who are with you in Church. Look around at the people in your office, your school, your home, your neighborhood. The distinctive mark of Jesus' disciples is their love for God and their desire to do his will, and their love for one another. Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper concludes with the prayer for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples. In a special way Jesus prays here for us that as members of his body we would be one as he and his Father – God the father – are one.

### **Friday, May 18 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter** **Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: John 21:15-19** After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

**Meditation:** Jesus calls us, even in our weakness and sin, to love him above all else. Saint Augustine in his book *Confessions* wrote: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace." Nothing but our stubborn human pride, our sinfulness, and our willfulness can keep us from the love of God. God's love is a free gift, unmerited and beyond payment. We can never outmatch God in love. He loved us first; we must reciprocate with total love for Him by following His commands, and the teachings of His Son and His Catholic Church.

**Prayer:** O God, who reward faithful souls and who have consecrated this day by the martyrdom of Pope Saint John the First, graciously hear the prayers of your people and grant that we, who venerate his merits, may imitate his constancy in the faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you want the fire of God's love to burn in your heart? John the evangelist tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). His love is unconditional, without limit, and everlasting. It's the beginning and the end; and it's the essence of Christianity. It draws us to the heart of God and it compels us to give to him our full allegiance and our very lives. Saint Paul the Apostle tells us that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us (ref. Romans 5:5). As so we ask ourselves: Do I love God with all my mind, all my heart, and all my soul? If not, then ask yourself: what is holding me back?

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# St. Joseph Seniors!

Our next meeting will be  
Wednesday, May 16, 2018,  
12:00 p.m. Noon  
The Manor Restaurant in Strasburg.

The menu will be grilled chicken and fish.

## New members are welcome!

Our guest speaker will be  
Tuscarawas County Sheriff Orvis Campbell.

For reservations or cancellations, call Sue Schwartz at 330-343-7101.





# Iglesia San José

## Ministerios Hispanos

### La Ascensión del Señor

### 12 y 13 de Mayo del 2018

#### Calendario Litúrgico:



#### Misas en Español

Domingo Mayo 20 1:30 p.m.  
Domingo Mayo 27 1:30 p.m.

#### Misas en Inglés

Sábados 4:00 p.m.  
Domingos 8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

#### Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:45 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

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Mayo 2018

**Por la evangelización: La misión de los laicos**

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**Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe.** Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). **Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.**

#### Notas Espirituales

Hechos, el segundo volumen de Lucas, en donde comienza su Evangelio llegó a la conclusión: con el relato de la ascensión de Jesús. Después de la resurrección, nos dice Lucas, Jesús pasó algún tiempo dando instrucciones a los discípulos. Ciertamente, las cosas se veían diferentes para ellos la luz de su experiencia del Señor resucitado. Pero antes de que él los dejara, él prometió enviar al Espíritu Santo, una figura clave en los Hechos de fortalecer y guiarlos en la continuación de la obra de Jesús. En Efesios, muchos piensan que se han escrito después de la muerte de Pablo, tenemos un ejemplo de una oración pidiendo a Dios cristiana primitiva el padre de iluminar a los creyentes. Dios, que resucitó a Cristo de entre los muertos, ha dado a todos los cristianos un motivo de esperanza. La iglesia como el cuerpo de Cristo, un tema clave en Efesios, las acciones de su vida. En el Evangelio de Marcos que tienen una corta puesta en marcha junto con la narración de la ascensión. Jesús envía a sus discípulos a "proclamar el evangelio a toda criatura" (v. 15). Los más antiguos, manuscritos más confiables no contienen estos versículos, y la indicación de que el texto de Marcos hayan podido existir sin ellos. Sin embargo, su presencia en el texto canónico sirve para recordarnos que la historia de Jesús continúa con la obra de la iglesia en la tierra. A medida que el texto dice: "Ellos salieron a predicar por todas partes, colaborando el Señor con ellos" (v20).

*Para la reflexión: ¿Cómo me veo como encajar en el plan de Dios para predicar la palabra a todo el mundo? ¿Qué diferencia hay en mi vida que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos?*



**Por favor, recuerde en su oración,** a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.



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